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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA: FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: (A) MADRID 6841 (B) RABAT 4729 (C) USUN 4668

1. AS INTERESTED PARTY, WE CONCUR WITH MADRID AND RABAT THAT "YES" VOTE BY US ON ALLOWING F POLISARIO TO MAKE ITS CASE BEFORE COMMITTEE WOULD BE PERCEIVED AS VOTE AGAINST MOROCCO. "NO" VOTE COULD PERHAPS BE COUPLED WITH STATEMENT THAT WE DID NOT BELIEVE ANY OF CONTENDING SAHARA "MOVEMENTS" SHOULD APPEAR, BUT WOULD STILL BE UNPALATABLE TO SPANISH AND ALGERIANS. THUS, ABSTENTION SEEMS TO US TO BE LEAST OF THREE EVILS. DO WE EVER ABSENT OURSELVES DURING VOTES? IF WE DO, IT WOULD SEEM MOST APPROPRIATE WAY TO DEMONSTRATE OUR TOTAL NEUTRALITY.

2. FROM STRICTLY PAROCHIAL ASPECT OF OUR INTERESTS HERE, VOTE WILL NOT MAKE GREAT DEAL OF DIFFERENCE. ALGERIANS ALREADY DUBIOUS ABOUT OUR CLAIM TO NEUTRALITY AND NEGATIVE VOTE WOULD MERELY CONFIRM SUSPICIONS.

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WE WOULD, OF COURSE, RATHER NOT DO THAT, BUT BELIEVE

DECISION SHOULD BE BASED ON MOROCCAN AND SPANISH
CONSIDERATIONS RATHER THAN ALGERIAN.

3. WE WOULD NOTE THAT SPANISH SUPPORT OF F POLISARIO
PETITION INDICATES HOW STRONG COLLABORATION BETWEEN
GOS AND GUERRILLAS HAS BECOME. EARLIER THIS YEAR,
SPANISH SOLDIERS DIED AS RESULT OF F POLISARIO
ACTIVITY. IN CONTRAST, SPANISH EMBASSY HERE GAVE US
ITS ASSESSMENT RECENTLY THAT F POLISARIO SPOKESMAN
OUALI WAS IMPRSSIVE FIGURE WITH CHARISMATIC QUALITIES.
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